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SUBJECT: GOI PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS IN FRANCE, UK AND GERMANY

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDONESIAN COUNCIL FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS) INFORM US THAT A NUMBER OF PROMINENT INDONESIANS WILL DEPART JAKARTA NOV 14 FOR PARIS, LONDON, HAMBURG AND BONN TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EUROPEAN OPINION AND POLICY MAKERS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SCENE. END SUMMARY.

2. A GROUP OF SOME 20 PROMINENT INDONESIANS HEADED BY MINISTER OF RESEARCH SUMITRO DJOHADKIUSUMO, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT LTGEN ALI MURTOPO, AND DEFENSE DEPT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE MG BENYAMIN MURDANI WILL VISIT PARIS NOV. 14-17, LONDON NOV 17-21, HAMBURG NOV 21-24 AND BONN NOV 24-30 TO PARTICIPATE IN SERIES OF SEMINARS ON INDONESIA. MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS EMIL SALIM WILL REPORTEDLY JOIN THE GROUP IN GERMANY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE CSIS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ANALYSTS, UNIV OF

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INDONESIA PROFESSORS AND PROMINENT INDONESIAN BUSINESSMEN.

3. JUDGING FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED US BY CSIS REP LIM BIAN KIE, WHO IS PRINCIPAL ORGANIZER OF THE SEMINARS, GROUP PLANS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS FACING INDONESIA AND DEFEND GOI'S INVESTMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL SECURITY POLICIES. LIM BIAN KIE SAID GENERAL MURTOPO WILL PROBABLY CARRY PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESENT SUHARTO TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE IN PAST PROVED TO BE ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMEN ON A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES AFFECTING INDONESIA'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE PKI PRISONER PROBLEM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FEEDBACK, EMBASSIES MAY RECEIVE ON THIS VISIT.
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